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Dear Shadow Lake Residents,

You may have recently received a letter from Democrat Township Committee member Sean Byrnes claiming that he has a fix to saving Shadow Lake. Not surprisingly, this may have been the first time you have ever heard from Mr. Byrnes on this important issue. It is, after all, almost Election Day and Mr. Byrnes is promising that he has all the solutions, of course, without costing you—the taxpayers—any money. When it sounds too good to be true—it is.

You may also want to know that while the rest of the Township Committee has been working tirelessly to secure NJDEP permits to save Shadow Lake through the only viable solution—dredging it—Sean Byrnes has been an obstructionist on this issue. Mr. Byrnes and the Middletown Democrats have even criticized the Township's efforts to dredge Shadow Lake as being nothing more than a ploy to secure your votes. Maybe they need to visit Shadow Lake on a warm summer day.

While Sean Byrnes is cutting secret deals to line the pockets of private contractors to pour chemicals into Shadow Lake that will never solve the problem, the rest of the Township Committee has been working with Senator Kyrillos and the Commissioner of the NJDEP to secure permission to dredge the lake and safely store the spoils on Township-owned property. Without Mr. Byrne's vote, the Township Committee has already appropriated funds and completed engineering to dredge the lake.

Sean Byrnes says he wants to bring the Army Corp of Engineers into help the Township with Shadow Lake. There are a few problems with this. First, as State open waters, the NJDEP's permission is still required for the Army Corp to dredge the lake. Second, the Army Corp only dredges navigable waters—Shadow Lake is not a navigable waterway. Finally, for over 30 years the Army Corp has utterly failed to act to control flooding in the Bayshore despite the earmarking of millions of dollars for such purposes.

We know the residents of Shadow Lake cannot wait 30+ years for Shadow Lake to be restored to its natural beauty. Hopefully, with the help of Governor Christie's new administration, we will be dredging Shadow Lake in the near future—no thanks to Democrat Sean Byrnes and his repeated efforts to kill this essential project.

Very truly yours,



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